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The Red Cross



The last shot echoes in the
last dead ears;
The children's weeping gives
way to cheers;
Mothers of the world smile
again through tears,
And the Red Cross flag
waves on.

Flag Waves On

The war's all over for the
glorious dead,
For the men who followed
and the men who led,
The war's all over for the
men who bled,
But the Red Cross flag
waves on.—Ex.



Standing: (Left to Right) Mr. Gray, Mr. Nolley, Mr. Vanderburg,
Mr. Snyder, Mr. Stillwell, Mr. Anderson. Seated: Mr. Heidt, Mrs.
Moore, Mr. Spangler.

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Monday—Lt. Campbell.

Sunday, August 17th, 1919.

OUR LAST AND THUS SINGING AS THE SWAN.

The curtain falls low and Gee Aitch 43 daily makes its last bow with the zephyrs of the sea making faint efforts against the hot August air. Our boyhood days are over, our knickerbockers, like Gee Aitch 43 files, now become reliques and are laid away on the shelf, our prattles and pranks have gone with them, and now, like in all attainments from childhood to blooming youth, all that remains of the once braggart boy is the endowed intelligence and name. In the pomp and blossom of attained youth, we make our debut into the society of more extensive publications on Wednesday, August 20th. We will have more room for those poems and long articles you were wont to have us publish in these days when our small "jacket pocket" could not room them. Our reviews will be more extensive and our messages of wider and broader extent. Our cartoons and art efforts larger and more far reaching.

AND NOW

at the "age of 89" with a promising and bounteous future taking shape

before us, we fondly embrace and pay our kind respects to mother Red Cross, upon whom our corporal life has thus far depended. Sincerely we say, Adieu!

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"The quality of mercy is not strained."

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If the four million men who have served in the Army during the war were asked to vote regarding what organization had done the most to serve their needs, alleviate their discomforts and sufferings, and strengthen their morale, no doubt would exist in any soldiers' mind about the winner.

The American Red Cross has done a colossal work. It has drawn its forces from sources universal. It has accomplished things almost beyond word description. To speak of its services to the soldiers, from the moment the motley throng of recruits meet at their home town station to entrain for camp, to the distant moment when, wounded, the soldier arrives in No Man's Land, or to that later day when leaving the Army, he is in need of help or work—to speak of its services throughout these vicissitudes of army life, is by no means our purpose in this special, and our last daily number of the Gee Aitch 43, dedicated to that organization.

To be specific, it is mainly to point to definite services rendered by the Red Cross in these days when spectacular events no longer burn their way into our memories, and to express the gratitude of the dwellers of this Post for innumerable benefits rendered, we present herewith this number of our little messenger. We wish to especially emphasize our appreciation of the helpful spirit of the local representatives of the Red Cross buildings and equipments dedicated to the use of this hospital.

NURSES ON PASSES.

Miss Baimbridge and Miss Brooke left last night on fifteen day passes. Miss Baimbridge will visit her home in Paterson, N. J. Miss Brooke will spend her time visiting Baltimore and Washington.

MOVIES AT LOCAL THEATRE WERE ENJOYED BY ALL.

The movies Friday night at the local theatre that was obtained by Red Cross was enjoyed by all. The title of the first reel was, "His Stenographer," which was followed by a very pleasing vaudeville number consisting of a black faced comedian act and other comic character stunts. The last and best, was a reel entitled "Mortgaged Wife" which was enthusiastically received.

LT. KEMP DISCHARGED.

Out into the land of happy memories went Lieutenant H. D. Kemp, having received his discharge in the early part of the week. Lt. Kemp has been at this Post many months and has made many friends. The patients have asked us to express publicly their sorrow upon hearing of his leaving. Lt. Kemp is succeeded by Lt. Donovan. Lt. Kemp leaves the Post with the best wishes of all its dwellers.

TO INCREASE NUMBER OF PATIENTS AT BUCKROE BEACH.

The bathing season fast coming to a close and to allow as many patients as possible to spend a brief recreational period at Buckroe Beach hotel, five more patients than usual will be sent to the beach. This will make a total of fifteen convalescing there a week.

ON DETACHED SERVICE.

En route to other hospitals with patients, the following men left Thursday evening: Sgt. 1st c. Jack Bowen, Harold Lutes and Bert Hewitt; Pvts. 1st c. John Waugh and John Ryan; Pvts. William Doak and Lambert Gliot.

PERHAPS YOU DIDN'T KNOW— but, Miss Cabell and Miss Bowersox have each in her department or office, been a **RIGHT HAND BOWER** with the Red Cross organization at this Post.

WITH US AGAIN.

Miss Fitzgerald has returned from fifteen day leave after enjoying a good time at Rome, N. Y.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

For Conditions Necessary for Rehabilitation Applicants.

Washington, Aug. 15.—Four conditions must exist before a person may be considered as eligible for vocational training under the vocational rehabilitation law. First, he must have been honorably discharged from the service since April 7, 1917; second, he must have a disability, incurred or aggravated during service, or traceable to that service; third, his disability must constitute a vocational handicap; and fourth, physically and mentally he must be capable of training.

Eligibility for training is based, not so much upon the physical injury in itself, but upon the need of vocational training to overcome the handicap. For the real responsibility of the Federal Board for Vocational Education in its dealings with disabled soldiers, sailors, and marines is to help them become permanently self-dependent if it is at all feasible.

The numbers in training and those already at work, under the direction of the Board are increasing daily. In the passage of the Vocational Rehabilitation Law, the foresight of Congress is to be commended, for vocational training for disabled soldiers, sailors, and marines has established itself as one of the good things in the national readjustment program.

ENLISTED MEN'S DANCE TUESDAY NIGHT.

ONE MORE FROM OUR MIDST.

Pvt. 1st c. Herman Anderson, who has been discharged, left this Post Thursday evening for his home in Philadelphia, Pa.

BACK FROM WORLD'S METROPOLIS.

Mr. S. W. Stein, of the Red Cross, returned yesterday from a five-day visit at his home in New York City.

LOST! LOST!

Pair of Nose Glasses between Theatre and Roseland. Calling card inside, William Schane. Finder return to "Gee Aitch 43 Office."

**THE WHY AND THE WHICHNESS
OF THE RED CROSS
PERSONNEL.**

Mr. R. M. Snyder, our tall, lean and lanky Field Director previous to his entrance into Red Cross work was Resident Manager of the Ft. Stanwix Hotel, Johnstown, Penna. He is a native of the Keystone state and asserts that there is no place quite as good as Pennsylvania.

Mr. A. R. Spangler, Associate Field Director and champion meat eater of the Post, joined the Penna.-Delaware Division of the Red Cross at his home town, Wilmington, Del., after being granted a leave of absence from the Atlas Powder Co. He was later transferred from New York where he was on transport duty to the Potomac Division where he has served both abroad and at this Post during the emergency.

Mr. Elmer E. Heidt has been with the Red Cross since February, acting as assistant or Associate Director of Physical Recreation of the Potomac Division. He hails from Massachusetts and was a "gob" in the Navy, having been discharged in December. In civilian life he was director of Physical Training at the Central High School, Springfield, Mass. Mr. Heidt will take a position as Physical Director in a Pennsylvania college, when he leaves for civil life in the future.

Mr. Henry C. Nolley, our smiling Entertainment Director, is a native son of Virginia. Before entering the service Mr. Nolley was a "school marm" and at the outbreak of the war he entered an officer's training camp and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Infantry. After being mustered out of service he entered Red Cross work and was assigned to this Post as Entertainment Director.

Mr. D. G. Anderson entered Red Cross service at Baltimore, Md., in February 1919. Previous to this he saw service in the "gob" and "leatherneck" outfits. His occupation while in civilian life was that of a graduate Red Cross Nurse.

Mr. William Vanderburg hails from Grand Rapids, Mich., and was

a student before entering Red Cross work. He embarked for overseas service with the Red Cross Unit No. 2, comprised of members of the University of Michigan and spent thirteen months doing Red Cross work in France and England.

Mr. J. Logan Stillwell in charge of the Home Service, hails from the "dark and bloody ground" in which state he was leading educator for many years. Prior to his entrance into Red Cross work he was chief Statistician for the Purchasing Branch of the U. S. Housing Corporation. His home is in Lexington, Ky.

Mr. John F. Gray is another son of the native state. He hails from Pulaski, Va., and after serving eleven months in the Army he entered Red Cross work, having charge of the Home Service at Langley Field and Ft. Monroe. He was transferred here in February. Mr. Gray was associated with the Du Pont Powder works at Hopewell, Va., and the Ingersoll Rand Company of New York while in civilian life.

Mr. S. W. Stein comes from the world's metropolis. He entered the Red Cross service at New York City August 24th, 1917 with the Bureau of Nurses Equipment, where all nurses going overseas were given their instructions and outfit. He was transferred to the Potomac Division and sent to this Post June 11, 1919.

Mrs. H. Taylor Moore, "Our Mother", has been associated with her work for quite awhile. She entered Y. M. C. A. hut work at Camp Lee January 15th and remained there 'till May 15th. She then entered Red Cross work and came here as Hostess June 15th. When the day comes when she leaves the Red Cross she will reside with her sister, Mrs. F. S. Smither, in New York City.

"It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

RETURNED FROM ESCORT TRIP.

Sgt. Forrest Campbell arrived from Crowdersville, Indiana, and Corporal Albert Wentzel returned from Slayton, Minn., after delivering patients to other hospitals.

HISTORICAL—THE WOMAN.

That full sympathy which could only swell from the heart of a woman—Miss Florence Nightingale at the time of the Crimean War—visualized bleeding humanity regardless of nation, race or creed. As a symbol, for man must ever have a symbol or rallying standard, the red color was chosen to tipify blood and in a larger sense all physical and mental sufferings of man. This woman of vision saw the need. This woman of heart sought to bind up the wounds of bleeding humanity. This was the greater need and therefore demanded a symbol of appeal that might reach as far as the tongues of men, and at once be understood by all men as the symbol of mercy. The cross was chosen as representative of Christ as a healer of the sick, and divine dispenser of mercy. Wherefore, the Red (torn humanity) Cross (mercy).

THE STANDARD UNFURLED.

That the Red Cross Standard now encircles the globe and that the best in mankind reacts nobly to its insignia, is a record of mankind's highest co-ordinated spiritual attainment. Its bearers include in its ranks old age and lisping youth. It is a splendidly born by the non-Christians as the Christians themselves. Wherefor, it proves the universality of the spirit of mercy. That this finest thing in men may be brought to the bedside where it is sorely needed, and the ministrations may be properly accomplished is as important as the conception itself. Hence the American Red Cross was confronted with a task of giving to our soldiers far from its source, a mother's tenderness and love, a father's consolation, and all other things that only blood relationship can best give. The selection of the personnel to do this work was an important one and called for great wisdom. The people of the United States were giving of their best, to their best and bravest. The selection of a medium of giving was one of the big issues of the man in the last two years or more.

In our experience and in our small way as an observer, we take this occasion to tell these fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters, that the person-

nel of the American Red Cross have been "good stewards" and worthy of their trust.

PERSONNEL—OURS.

As the personal trait often indicates the man, it is our hope that the American people generally may know the work of the Red Cross as we have known it in our small provincial way. If the general effort has been as the local one (and we guess it has) the "back home ones" may know they were well served. In consonance with the originator of the Red Cross we think first of Mrs. H. Taylor Moore, the Hostess. She, at all times has seemed to have a clear conception of Red Cross and what is better, functions accordingly. Her long association with the Army and the suffering that war brought to her and her husband, 1st Lt. H. Taylor Moore, a member of General Bell's staff and Assistant Adjutant at Camp Upton, who was sacrificed on war's altar during the "flu" epidemic late last year, at a time when she herself was suffering the ravages of influenza and pneumonia, peculiarly fitted her for the work she later undertook. Early this year she began work at Camp Lee with the Y. M. C. A., coming to the Red Cross and us in June this year. We very definitely know that womanly comfort and consolation has during her long association in the work, been accorded in a variety of ways to many a weary heart and homesick boy. She has indeed "mothered" well.

Mr. R. M. Snyder, our Field Director, who came here in June (succeeding Mr. French) and whose ideals have peculiarly fitted him for this work, has in turn a selected staff as wisely done as was his selection. In this connection we think of Mr. Spangler, "all wool and a yard wide" who came in the later days, Mr. Stillwell, the Home Service Man, Mr. Gray also of the Home Service, who has functioned at Langley Field and Fort Monroe, Mr. Nolley, the always busy and untiring Entertainment Director, Mr. Anderson the Hospital Activity man, Mr. Vanderburg, also a Ward Worker, the busy Mr. Stein, who handles the supplies, and Mr. Heidt the efficient Director of Ath-
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letics, and also Mr. Taylor, who functions at Camp Stuart.

AND NOW

let us pause right here long enough to mention that last but not least we hark back to the days when the now elsewhereers functioned here with us; among whom were Mr. French, Field Director; Mr. Bradburn, his associate; Mr. I. E. Brown, Director of Athletics for the Post; Mr. Wyatt, formerly Ft. Monroe Home Service man, and Mr. Bendall, former Director of Entertainment, also Mr. Stephens.

There is that modesty of the real gentlemen about all of these men that would make them shrink from sustained praise. For this reason we forbear, but they and we know that through them the Red Cross activities have been and are the main big comfort of the camp. We pass on with a futile thanks.

THE HAMPTON RED CROSS CANTEEN SERVICE.

Dwellers of our little city do not generally or thoroughly know of the fine work of the Red Cross Canteen Service. But thousands of soldiers scattered throughout the United States know. Those of us who have traveled on military orders and escort trips also know. Our debt of gratitude to this body is large. Mrs. Darling and her associate co-workers, of Hampton and Phoebus, come to our minds when with the idea of thanks we pay them with the beatitude "Tis more blessed to give than to receive." We can only add that they have and are giving well and that no rich gift wax poor in the hands of such givers.

THE RED CROSS MOTOR CORPS OF NEWPORT NEWS.

This organization, self-originated, and self-sustained, has been and is an important cog in the machinery of recreational work at this hospital. Their work and their methods have ever been a matter of comment by all those locally, upon whom this function has rested. The A. R. M. C. was organized last year and is head-

ed by Mrs. Arroll, of Newport News. Gee Aitch 43 believes that it safely speaks for both the command and the local Red Cross when it hereby expresses thanks.

WITH GRATEFUL THANKS WE ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR SERVICE.

Functioning in conjunction with the Red Cross we wish to record here the willing assistance of the following organizations:

The War Camp Community Service, of Hampton and Phoebus, under the leadership of Mr. Kraft. This organization through its personnel individually and its club houses as well, has done a very commendable work in providing a headquarters for patients and corps men visiting these little cities. Right here in this connection their bringing of vaudeville performances comes to our mind. We may also add a word of thanks and appreciation in behalf of the W. C. C. S. for Colored Men, located at Hampton and under the leadership of Mr. George, who has done much toward lightening the hearts of the colored men on duty here.

The Hampton Parish of St. John's Episcopal Church have done much for service men and we thank them accordingly.

Locally

And speaking of those organizations who are functioning here directly with the Red Cross we must admit our inability to phrase the tribute that is due them. The Y. M. C. A. headed by Mr. Kneil and Mr. Zimmerman with their shows, their hut, their equipment and their pleasing personal participation are doing much, particularly for the corps men. The J. W. B. represented here by Mr. W. J. Rosenfield has and is doing so much for patients and the Post generally in all phases of Welfare Work that we deem any praise we can bestow upon them too futile.

Dr. Randall personifying the K. of C., likewise, comes in for the proper amount of credit. Further the K. of C. like the J. W. B. through their Phoebus huts are furnishing much in the way of diversion for all members of the Post.